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RECIPROCITY

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Class	Fee	No. Applications	Validity
A-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
A-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
A-3 [1]	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
B-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
B-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
B-1/B-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
C-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
C-1/D	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
C-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
C-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
D	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
E-1 [2]	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
E-2 [2]	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
F-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
F-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
G-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
G-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
G-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
G-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
G-5 [1]	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
H-1B	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
H-1C	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
H-2A	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
H-2B	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
H-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
H-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
I	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
J-1 [4]	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
J-2 [4]	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
K-1	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
K-2	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
K-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
K-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
L-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
L-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
M-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
M-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
N-8	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
N-9	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
NATO 1-7	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
O-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
O-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
O-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]

P-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
P-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
P-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
P-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
Q-1 [6]	NONE	MULTIPLE	15 MONTHS [3]
R-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
R-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
S-5 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
S-6 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
S-7 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
TD [5]	N/A	N/A	N/A
V-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
V-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS [8]
V-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS [8]

SPECIAL CLEARANCE AND ISSUANCE PROCEDURES

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None.

DOCUMENTS AND RECORDS

Police Record

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(Polizeiliches Fuehrungszeugnis) Available. Each person over the age of fourteen may obtain a police certificate. The application has to be filed with the registration office (Meldebehoerde) having jurisdiction over the applicant's residence. The applicant has to provide evidence of identification. Former residents of Germany, no longer registered in Germany, can apply for the police certificate directly at the Bundeszentralregister, Auslandsabteilung, Neuenburger Str. 15, 10969 Berlin. There may be a fee for this service. Processing time: three to four weeks.

The police certificate does not necessarily show the complete criminal history. Certain decisions of criminal courts of minor importance are not included. After a certain time, minor convictions are no longer recorded. The length of this time depends on the nature and scope of the legal punishment imposed, and thereafter, whether any additional sentences were entered into the registry.

Court Records

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Available. Court records involving criminal or civil proceedings are available from the court that has jurisdiction.

Military Record

(TL:VISA-131; 12-01-1995)

Available. Records may be obtained from the Kreiswehrrersatzamt having jurisdiction at the time of service.

Birth, Marriage, and Death Certificates

(TL:VISA-131; 12-01-1995)

Such certificates are available from the local registrar's office (Standesamt) where the birth, marriage, or death occurred. For the former East Germany, this applies only to those civil status cases that occurred after October 2, 1990. For events occurring prior to this date, documents from this part of Germany are issued by the district office where the event occurred.

A registrar's office charges a fee for each certificate and for any additional copy as well. The same amount is charged for certificates issued on an "international" form. The requested certificates are usually mailed out by the registrar's office with the fees being collected on delivery. The applicant may enclose a self-addressed and stamped return envelope and use German postage stamps or a collection-only cheque for payment.

Civil status certificates from former German areas east of Oder and Neisse (boundaries of 1938), now belonging to Poland or Russia, are difficult and sometimes impossible to obtain. After World War II, a number of these documents were returned to Germany. Information regarding these documents can sometimes be requested from local registrars' offices. More detailed information pertaining to these documents can be obtained at the Standesamt I in Berlin, Rueckerstr. 9, 10119 Berlin.

The following substitutes may be used for unavailable personal documents:

(1) The Familienstammbuch which some German families maintain. Births, marriages and deaths are entered in such books, and officially certified at the time of the event;

(2) Extracts from church books and parish registers. Access to or copies of these books can be requested from the following archive offices: Evangelische Kirchenbuecher:

- Evangelisches Zentralarchiv
Kirchenbuchstelle
Jebensstr. 3
10623 Berlin

- Katholische Kirchenbuecher:
Bischoefliches Zentralarchiv
St. Petersweg 11-13
93047 Regensburg

If the desired documents cannot be obtained, these archive offices will furnish a negative response (Negativbescheinigung). In such cases, it is generally recommended that the document-seeker apply for a Familienbuch under the provisions of section 15a of the German Law on Civil Status (Personenstandsgesetz), which is maintained by the civil registrar having jurisdiction over the family's place of residence. The civil registrar issues extracts or copies from this book that are fully recognized as formal certificates of birth, death, or marriage.

Other Records

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Certificates of residence, formerly Aufenthaltsbescheinigung, now referred to as Auszug aus dem Melderegister, may be obtained from the registration office (Einwohnermeldeamt) of the applicant's place of residence. There may be a fee for this service.

NOTE: Former residents of Germany may request personal documents from the proper German authorities in writing, or authorize residents of Germany to obtain such documents on their behalf.

Passports - Information on Travel Documents

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(1) Regular passport (Reisepass): A bordeaux-red, hard cover booklet with a machine-readable passport card.

(2) Temporary passport: A green, hard cover booklet, fully acceptable, issued to individuals who urgently need a passport, but cannot wait the processing time needed to issue the machine-readable passport.

(3) Diplomatic passport: A dark blue, hard cover booklet.

(4) Departmental passport (Ministerialpass): A black, hard cover booklet, issued to some higher federal and state officials, certain employees of the Foreign Office, other governmental employees on assignment abroad who do not qualify for diplomatic passports, as well as their spouses and children.

(5) Official passport (Dienstpass): A red, hard cover booklet, issued to the majority of governmental officials for official travel.

(6) Child's Travel Document in Lieu of Passport (Kinderausweis): A light-green tri-fold with or without photo, issued to children under sixteen years of age. A child may have a normal passport (Reisepass). A Kinderausweis may be issued to non-FRG citizens permanently or temporarily residing in the FRG. Nationality is noted in the document.

(7) Travel Document (Reiseausweis): A medium-blue hardcover booklet, issued in accordance with the 1951 Geneva Convention to asylees, refugees, and stateless persons who reside permanently or temporarily in the FRG. This document does not guarantee the holder an indefinite right to return to the FRG. The date until which return is guaranteed is specified in the document.

(8) Alien's Passport (Fremdenpass): A medium-gray hardcover booklet issued to persons who evidently do not possess a passport or passport substitute and for whom it is unreasonable to demand that they obtain such a document. The alien must hold an unlimited residence permit (unbefristete Aufenthaltsgenehmigung) or a so-called "Aufenthaltserlaubnis." Possession of a limited residence permit is sufficient, if the alien is a family member of a German citizen, or if he/she is the spouse or minor child of an alien who holds an unlimited residence permit.

VISA ISSUING POSTS

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Berlin (BO) NIV only
Address: U.S. Embassy Office Berlin
Consular Section APO AE 09265

Bonn (E) NIV only
(Only to German citizens and diplomats).
Address: U.S. Embassy Bonn
PSC 117, Box 345
APO AE 09080

Frankfurt (CG) All categories
All E and K visa processing
Address: U.S. Consulate General
PSC 115
APO AE 09213

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS SERVICED

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All IV, E-1/E-2 and K NIV applications are serviced at Frankfurt.

Post	Area(s) Served
Bonn	Nordrhein-Westfalen
Berlin	Berlin Hamburg Bremen Schleswig-Holstein Niedersachsen Mecklenburg-Vorpommern Sachsen-Anhalt Sachsen Thueringen Brandenburg
Frankfurt	Bayern Hessen Rheinland-Pfalz Saarland Baden-Wuerttemberg non-German applicants from Nordrhein-Westfalen